

REMARKS

Claims 24, 27-29, 31-34, 36, 81, 82, 91, 94-96, 98-102, 104, 105, 110, and 111 are pending. Claims 81, 82, 104, and 105 are withdrawn from consideration. The Office indicated that claims 24, 27-29, 31-34, 36, 91, 94-96, 98-102, 110, and 111 are in condition for allowance and has also listed withdrawn claims 81, 82, 104, and 105 as being in condition for allowance, acknowledging Applicants' request for rejoinder of these withdrawn claims. See Office Action mailed August 3, 2007, at page 5. Claim 40 remains rejected as alleged obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

For the reasons of record, Applicant disagrees with the Office's application of *Pass et al., J. Infect. Dis.* 180:970-75 (1999) against claim 40. Solely to expedite prosecution, however, Applicant has canceled claim 40 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter of this claim, rendering the Office's rejection moot. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 40 in a subsequent continuation application. Because the Office's rejection is now moot, Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant has also amended claims 24 and 32 to recite "the DC-SIGN receptor present on a cell of the human" because there was no apparent antecedent basis for the term "the mammal" in those claims. This correction does not introduce new matter and thus does not require any additional search of the art by the Office.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Supplemental Reply After Final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Office, placing claims 24, 27-29, 31-34, 36, 81, 82, 91, 94-96, 98-102, 104, 105, 110, and 111 in condition for allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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